

firmament, them the blind and deaf³
avoid; the
nicked traverse not the path of truth.

7. The intelligent sages extol the voice
{of the
firmament) in the purifying extended
(*S'oma*) with
its thousand streams; the *Rudras* are
their servants,-
sTrifi-inoYing, inviolable^ reverend, of
goodly aspect,
the beholders of men.

S. (&>/;?«) the protector of the
sacrifice, the doer
of good deeds cannot be resisted ; he
places in his
heart³ the three purifiers; he the all-
wise looks
over all worlds; he censures those who
are hostile
in action, who sacrifice not.

9, The thread of the sacrifice spread
over the
filter extends by its act to the tip of
VARUXA'S
tongue ; * the wise approaching
reached it; but
he who is incompetent for the rite sinks
(to hell;
even in this world.

¹ Sayana explains this as spiritually blind and
deaf—"those
who do not see good objects—those who do not
hear the praise
of the gods."

² This seems to be the meaning ascribed by Siyuna
to \$/>:j.'ci£,
viz, -*cdcJid rast'nah* (obedient voices).

³ i.e. combines in himself; the three
purifiers are *Agx|*
V'Jiyii^ and the sun,

⁴ *i.e.* the *Tasativari* waters, which are on the tip of *Tn* ^ni'i tongue.

⁵ "It" refers to the tip of *Turuna's* tongue; the TTISC r; :,c-h it bv their praises or oblations.